



Railroad Training for Law Enforcement Officers “Grade Crossing Collision Investigation Course”

Sponsored by the Chehalis Police Department

Held at Riverside Fire Dept.

1818 Harrison Ave.

Centralia, WA

Sept 12th 0800-1200 hrs.

Program Goal:

The goal of this program is to provide unique training and information to law enforcement officers about the challenges associated with railroad operations and grade crossing collision investigations. Special emphasis is given toward officer safety issues for those who may encounter trains or enter railroad trainyards in the performance of their assigned duties. Rail Police and WSP Troopers co-instruct this course which allow a complete program which includes both rail and highway issues.

Course Description: (Standard - Four Hour classroom Course)

- Essential safety and operational information for law enforcement officers working around trains or railroad facilities, including “How To Stop a Train in an Emergency”.
- Familiarization with various types of railroad equipment.
- Basic information about hazardous materials shipped by rail.
- Information necessary to investigate a grade crossing collision.
- Knowledge about regulatory signs and traffic control devices at railroad crossings.
- State & Federal motor vehicle codes and case law pertaining to grade crossing collisions.
- Trespasser-related incidents on railroad property
- Basic tactical concerns for officers operating near trains, rail cars or rail facilities.

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